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In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 6591
Gary Karlin Michelson)
Serial No.: 10/669,287) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: September 24, 2003) Examiner: Thomas Barrett
For: EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE)
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT)
WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION)
DURING INSERTION)

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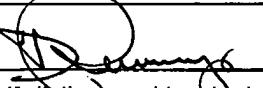
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